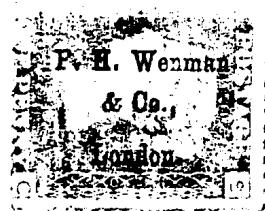


## A NEW 1d PLATE OVERPRINT

At the beginning of the year, **KEN KLOSS**, from America wrote asking for information about a Penny Plate with overprint. It was an overprint which did not appear to be in any catalogue. The overprint is on a mint copy of Plate 120 and the wording is F.H.Wenman/ & Co.,/London.



I, Ed, could not find anything in my Victoria Catalogues so I wrote to John Nelson who knows a thing or two about the Line Engraved issues! He too was stumped and suggested Maurice Harp as a possible source of information. Maurice has a check list of all underprints known (to himself) and this one is not on that list. He thinks it could be a new find which deserves to be noted by Gibbons. Maurice did track down the company in his directories and the following are the extracts.

1865 Kelly's.                    Francis Heathcote Wenman  
    Ship & Insurance Brokers  
    19 Bishopsgate St Within  
    London EC

1877 Kelly's.                    Wenman & Co  
    Shipping & Commission Agents  
    3 Suffolk Lane  
    London EC

Maurice is sure these two are the same company and that sometime between 1865 and 1877 they were known as F.H.Wenman & Co. The name Wenman is pretty unusual in both directories so the chance of two Wenmans in the shipping business is pretty small.